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SUBJECT: TYPHOONS THELMA AND VERA: GRANT TO RED CROSS
SOCIETY OF CHINA FOR DISASTER RELIEF

REF : A) TAIPEI 4650; B) STATE 181498

1. LIEN HO PAO OF AUGUST 4 CARRIED A REPORT FROM ITS
WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, SHIH K'O-MIN, SAYING THAT
USG HAS SHOWN ITS SYMPATHY WITH AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO
HELP RONWHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN STRICKEN BY TWO TYPHOONS.
REPORT GOES ON TO STATE THAT:
QUOTE THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A REPORT FROM
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN THE ROC ON THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY
THE TWO TYPHOONS TO TAIWAN. AN OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT IS WAITING FOR AMBASSADOR LEONARD UNGER'S
RECOMMENDATION ON HOW TO HELP THE ROC. THIS OFFICIAL SAID
AMBASSADOR UNGER WROTE TO PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO TWICE
AFTER THE TYPHOONS TO SHOW THE SYMPATHY OF THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WITH THE ROC AND THEIR WILLINGNESS
TO HELP. REPORTEDLY THE ROC GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR
UNGER THAT IT STILL NEEDS NO AID FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AT
PRESENT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID ONCE
AMBASSADOR UNGER'S RECOMMENDATION ON HOW TO HELP THE
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TYPHOON-STRICKEN ROC REACHES WASHINGTON, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
WILL IMMEDIATELY DECIDE THE WAY OF RENDERING ASSISTANCE. UNQUOTE.

2. LIEN HO PAO OF AUGUST 5 CARRIED ANOTHER REPORT BY SHIH
FROM WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
HAS DECIDED TO DONATE A RELIEF FUND OF US\$ 15,000 TO THE
ROC RED CROSS AS A TOKEN OF ITS SYMPATHY IN RELATION TO

THE TWO LATEST TYPHOONS IN TAIWAN. AN OFFICIAL OF THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE SAID THAT THE US\$ 15,000 WILL
COME FROM AN APPROPRIATION OF USAID FALLING UNDER THE
CATEGORY INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR NATURAL
DISASTERS. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S FURTHER ASSISTANCE
WILL DEPEND ON THE ROC'S REACTION AND NEEDS. ACCORDING
TO OUR UNDERSTANDING, THE ROC DOES NOT NEED ANY ASSISTANCE
FOR THE TIME BEING. UNQUOTE.
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